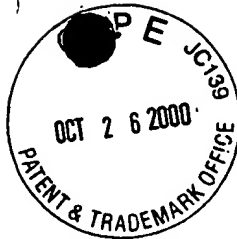


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: T. Kupstas  
TOSHIAKI IGARASHI ET AL. )  
: Group Art Unit: 2757  
Application No.: 09/017,295 )  
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Filed: February 2, 1998 )  
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For: NETWORK DATA BASE CONTROL )  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2000, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute Claims 1-33 and 47-59 of Group I.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All

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